Creating an 'ignorant' society: Africa defies odds

Copyright © 2017 by Bhekinkosi M Ngwenya

ISBN: 978-0-6399237-1-0

First Printing: 2017

PUBLISHED BY A Chorus of Rustics

No part of this book may be reproduced, stored, or transmitted in any form - electronic, mechanical, photocopying, or otherwise - without prior written permission from the author.

Disclaimer:

Information presented in this book is for insight and inspiration. No offence or harm intended as such the author will not retract any line or word written in this book only for spelling error. Hope you will be informed and motivated to play a part in community emancipation. Thank you for purchasing this copy enjoy

Your purchase of this copy meant:

I can be able to sustain my life, put food on the table and make ends meet. At the same time it also helps our communities. Part of the money goes to: Roses in Limbo Sanctuary Children's Village. This organisation assists the bruised and abused children. It aims at creating a conducive environment. Again part of the money goes to: If It Wasn't For The Heart motivation. This is a motivational tour that seeks to impact positively on the lives of many, giving an individual a reason for existence. Lastly the money is used at: A chorus of rustics. This keeps me communicating through the pen and also to help the likeminded individuals. I help those who want to be authors with information that can make them published and established authors. So your money did not go to waste nor down the drain.

Thank you!

The author (Bhekinkosi Ngwenya)

Contents:

Dedication

Introduction

In search of the African God 1

African in name foreign in deed 2

African in name foreign in deed: The chameleon behaviour 3

Challenging the status quo 4

The Core and the Periphery 5

A closer look at the Theory of the Core and the Periphery 6

Unsung heroes 7

Conclusion

Dedication

To all the people who have suffered and fought battles that are not even their wars.

Preface

This book came as a result of the struggles due to mistaken identity and misunderstandings between different races of the nations.

Introduction

Black has always been associated with evil, an absence of light and life. At the break of dawn life beckons to mark the beginning of a new day. Light finally appears and darkness vanishes to give way to life. But why black always remain black despite the presence of light.

The fact that black is resistant, does not give in easily and remains black despite the efforts to change it means there is more to black than we ever thought. Other colours may fade away but black remains resilient. In times of hunger and starvation black remains black, in times of plenty black remains black.

Seasons come and go some so severe with scorching sun and freezing cold nights black still remains untainted. What a colour that is, strong and resistant to remain black even when seasons change, even when hunger and starvation strikes still the colour black remains. Is there a hidden mystery beyond this colour? Well let's dig in and find out.

The colour black has stood the test of time and its people have fought several battles and wars that

are not even theirs. The black race has been tossed around. At first they lived in harmony with one another and communed well with nature little did they know that this was going to change and to only find themselves packed like goods herding for the market in large vessels. They were packed crowded in large vessels and transported to the unknown destinations.

They were tossed around and exchanged at market places like goods and made fun of as they were made to parade themselves in front of the buyers. They became possessions that could be owned, bought and even exchanged. They endured the pain and hardships of being separated from their loved ones their relatives, friends and family and their environment. They lost their identity and journeyed for days, weeks and even months to reach their doomed destinations.

Some who could not hold on longer were made sea food as they were thrown into the sea and were eaten by whatever is in the sea. They were thrown into deep waters never to be seen again and thus they were tossed around but still that did not change them. They still remained black and even much stronger. Such

was how the black seed was planted as it was scattered and broadcasted all over the corners of the world as the ship docked and took off at different ports.

As if that was not enough, family separation, torture and ill-treatment they were turned to machines and forced to work to their last atom. They worked longer hours producing for their masters. In return they received nothing but a beating. They had less hours of rest and longer hours of work with no salary at the end of the day. They were seen as nothing but machines and as such nobody cared for them at all.

They faced their struggles with bravery and worked longer hours tilling the land, building structures and transporting goods. Their masters became rich and richer by day. As time went by the masters lived in luxuries all due to the hard work and efforts of the black race. When they became weary they were sold to the next master who also worked them hard so they could produce riches for them. Thus the colour black was trampled never given time to live their own lives or have their independence. When their

energy was finished they sailed again at sea and because of their exhaustion they were thrown into the sea and their lives were taken and ended that way.

When their masters realised they had benefited from overworking the blacks they began to hate them so much. They looked at their possessions the riches they had attained the structures they had built and the life of bliss they were living they had to come up with alternatives of getting rid of the people who earned them the riches. The masters began to advocate for their freedoms as a way of getting rid of them in their places. Seeing them on daily basis will be a constant reminder of how they became rich.

So they built large vessels to sail them back to their homes and such vessels had faults and they collapsed and sank at sea killing all its passengers. They thought this way the Black race was done away with but little did they know that these abusers had scattered the Blacks all over and they grew and multiplied. Despite the hardships they faced they managed to pull through to the present day.

Their history was never drowned or wiped away; it remained and stood for years as the resilient

black colour. Their years of hardships and struggles still remain fresh. Their yearning for a place of existence still is heard up to this day.

Lots and lots could be said of the black seed how it was scattered all over the place and bore fruits of endurance. People who are strong and adaptive. People who can whether any season and storm that is the Black race whose colour could not fade away with years of abuse and torture. What is it that the colour black has to offer that is so special for survival. Why is it that they are wished to be extinct, wiped out of planet earth.

Is it because they freely gave out their labour and lives for the benefit of other colours. What a sad reality, nothing on planet earth exists without the colour black.

Not a single soul could claim superiority or the treasures and riches without the colour black. Could this be the reason why they are so much hated, despised, looked down upon, tossed, trampled, suffocated, ignored and even separated from the world of the living? The author strongly believes that there

is nothing that exists without black or the input of the Black people.

All those who boast of life in abundance, they attained such riches through the colour black. They live in denial and continuously strip the black colour of its labour but pity enough the colour black remains resilient, it does not give in, does not fade and it does not take defeat or surrender.

Have you ever thought what the world will be like if the colour black was absent. There won't be life for when there is light there has to be darkness to mark the end of the day and a new day. Black gives life, it gives energy; it absorbs all the heat from the sun making food for all the living.

Without black there is no life it is a colour that with stands all the seasons and still remains unchanged. Its presence is felt everywhere and seen everywhere. Nothing on earth exists without black it is for this reason that the colour black remains an Abused colour.

This is a protest piece of literature advocating for the colour black to be admitted into society and be recognised. It advocates for the black colour to be

appreciated and given chance to live and exist. It calls out to all corners of the world not to use the Black race as laboratory rats where all the experiments are done on them. Above all it wants to drive home a fact that nothing exists without the colour black. This is a fact that will remain till eternity and cannot fade or be wiped away.

All other colours can be experimented on, be mixed to come up with different colours but the end result is when you mix all colours one colour emerges and that is the Black colour. All other colours may fade away or be wiped out but the colour black remains resilient.

Nature responds to darkness, nature responds to black. The colour black sustains life and gives break to all the toiling at the end of the day when darkness beckons everything retires to its own place to rest. You cannot go against nature thus you cannot go against the colour black.

Chapter 1

In search of the African God

It's a fact that there is a God, it's also a fact that despite our colour creed and race we are equal. It's a fact that all of us go six feet under at death. If we all equal then why can't we be equal during the days of our lives?

Acts 19vs 14-16

'Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said: Jesus I know and Paul I know; but who are you?' Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded.

But who are you?

Lots and lots of stories and information has resurfaced regarding the so called missionaries who sailed to Africa. They arrived clothed in sheep skins deep down in their hearts were wolves, monsters ready to prey and devour their victims. Their arrival

on African soil were justified on the basis that they were bringing a civilized god. A god much better than the African God.

They were, they thought were bringing light to the so called Dark Continent that was full of evil, barbaric and demon possessed people. People whose way of life was regarded as uncouth and uncivilized. People who communicated with nature and embraced wildlife and treasured it. They bonded with the soil their source of livelihoods, their own identity in which at birth their umbilical cords were cut, mingled with soil giving them identity. Their umbilical cords were buried in the soil strengthening the bonds of life and embracing their identity with their land.

A society that was and is proud of its identity whose skin were soaked by the rains and dried by the rays of the sun and whose lotion was extracted from vegetation and animal fats. They never ran shot of anything in their land of plenty their lives were blossoming and always in abundance. These are the

very people who do not need any sun screen protection. The very people who can gaze and watch the solar eclipse with their naked eyes.

Nature embraces them and they respond well to nature and to its call. A people who communed well with one another, a society that lived in harmony and worked together sharing the burden of life. They lived free and equally, governed by the laws of nature and humanity always the spirit of Ubuntu was cherished. Beings who knew how to genuinely smile and not pretend to be smiling by giving a dog smile.

These are they that embraced each other the Africans who set and bonded around the fires telling the realities of their life to each other passing by word of mouth their history that has been passed this way through generations and generations. Their learners graduated with flying colours and knew how to live with one another in society embracing their differences and working to sustain their lives together with those of their children and the future

generation. They treasured and respected family and unity and love was a daily song and code of conduct.

They were an amazing wonder and creation. A creation that could survive the storms and harsh conditions and hostile environments. A society that hunted and gathered. Bonded with wildlife, survived with beasts of the jungle in communion and harmony. They needed no doctors, their social custodians knew well life and the ills of it and knew the right medication to administer. They cured the disease and it could disappear to resurface no more unlike what is happening today with these so called medical doctors who just silence the disease that will resurface again.

The roots and herbs were their medication pure and holy and it cured all the sicknesses. Their foods were natural and full of life unlike the ones brought by the West tampered with natural content through genetical modification a suicidal practice. The African foods sustained lives and never ran out

of supply as the lands and soils were naturally fertile and needed no artificial fertilisers.

The harvests were always surplus and they sustained lives, shared food with their families and society at large. No one ever experienced hunger or starvation. It was a caring and considerate society guided and practiced Ubuntu all the way of their life. These people were intertwined interwoven and never called each other names or looked down upon each other. They embraced their differences and worked for the good and benefit of one another.

Much could be said about this society of Africans. They were blessed with natural resources, wildlife flora and fauna in abundance and naturally controlled and maintained. They utilized all that was at their disposal never did they set boundaries or demarcations to bar others from sharing in the resources. Everything was shared equally and enjoyed by everyone. There were never greedy, never exploited or abused the resources that were God give to them by their African God. They were pure virgins

all the way, their lives and the lives of their surroundings and their environment. Their sons and daughters were pure and holy. But who are you? Is the question that lingers for long because these unknown being who invaded the African soils, lands, animals, vegetation and all destroyed the family set up and brought anger commotion and disunity and dealt a lager blow to the spirit of Ubuntu.

Their lifestyle was destroyed. They were made to kill their own, sell and trade with lives. Exchanged their sweat and blood toiling for the invaders who looted their resources and stripped them of their identity and virginity. More harm and damage was done, family relations were cut and destroyed. Holy shrines destroyed and burnt to the ground. The people were called evil and barbaric demon possessed and worshipers of gods. They needed a god that's what the invaders believe and justified the invasion motives.

Background universities were denounced and this made families to reject family teachings and

history. Grassroots education was made a thing of the past, oral history rejected family ties and bonds broken. Hell broke loose, chaos became the code of the day. Animalism took over it was survival of the fittest a jungle law brought along by the invaders in the name of missionaries whose mission was not to preach the Bible but to loot people of their identity in the name of the god and bible.

Let's delve deeper and find out what was the agenda of these people and who exactly where they and which god did they bring who they thought was better than the African God.

According to Chakwandi A Njoku: The missionary factor in African Christianity, advocates that: *'very few historians will disagree that the colonial enterprise and the Christian missionary enterprise together constitute two of the most important historical events that have for good or bad considerably shaped contemporary Africa besides the phenomenon of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. The colonial enterprise focused on the economic and political dimensions of life in Africa, re-drawing its boundaries, re-shaping its political arrangements and structure and considerably re-ordering its economic orientation and its vital institutions'.*

From the above quote we witness the turn of events and how Africa was attacked by foreign forces. It was invaded and bombarded. All forces from different angles and walks of life wanted a share, a piece of Africa. To these countries, Africa was put on auction with all the bidders wanting a share at either highest or lowest cost. No single country of these invaders would let go of Africa, of its people, resources, flora and fauna. They clung with their hands and teeth holding firm and never letting go at the same time suffocating Africans.

Everything was paradise and appealing to the foreigners. They were so greedy that they wanted everything in Africa including its people, lands and wildlife and the natural resources which they continue to do to present day. They had to divide and partition Africa to themselves and ignored Africans the indigenous people. They were suffocated, trampled upon, tossed, abused and bruised and marginalised with no room or place to turn to for refuge. No one came to their rescue all were eager to

destroy the Africans and loot them of their resources. The Africans were singled out and left in the cold.

The foreign forces took everything to themselves and detected terms of life and governance. Shocking they came in the name of god but then showed the devil's deeds. Africans are left with no choice but to search for themselves and emancipate themselves.

All this is possible if Africans turn and tilt the scales. They have to defy odds and tilt the scales and claim back what rightful belongs to them. The first thing they have to do is find their African God a God who will never divide people of favour others at the expense of others.

Thus an 'ignorant' society has to be created. A society that will challenge the status quo search the scriptures and find the real God. The so called missionaries should be exposed and their agendas exposed again. The 'ignorant' society should rekindle the fire and the spirit of Ubuntu, go back to basics and restore their holy shrines and love

unconditionally. They have to be agents of their own development and follow their own route to sustainability and development.

Chakwandi A Njoku continues further with the assertion: *'The missionary enterprise impacted heavily on the religious and cultural landscape of Africa and considerably tinkered with its dominant worldview and value system. A critical revisiting of these two major events either separately or as twin events is crucial and indeed unavoidable for self-understanding in contemporary Africa of its institutions and of its emerging political and religious culture. The major external agents for the introduction of Christianity to Africa were European missionaries'*

As Njoku points out, it is critical to re visit the missionary activities in Africa and maybe perhaps this will answer the 'ignorant' question that was asked on the sons of Sceva. Acts 19vs14-16: ...But who are you? An answer to this question will aid in the creation of an 'ignorant' society, a society that will defy odds!

The Berlin Conference of 1884/5

'Both the European colonial powers and the missionaries of various hues and colours were already present in parts of Africa before 1884/5. However it is perhaps well known, the Berlin Conference of 1884/5 played a pivotal role in formalizing and structuring the colonial enterprise in Africa. It was at that conference that European powers, hell bent on getting a piece of the huge cake that was Africa, held talks to declare for themselves 'spheres of influence' and authority and put some civility and legitimacy into the Scramble for Africa.

Like the World Missionary Conference that was to follow about two decades later (Edinburgh 1910). The Berlin Conference was geared towards saving the European powers the unnecessary shame, damage and wastefulness that would arise from waging wars with one another in order to acquire and consolidate colonies in Africa'.(The missionary factor in African Christianity).

Much can be said about the Berlin Conference of 1884/5 although the intruders will try hard to wash away or erase the facts. They gathered to tear apart the African continent to divide it amongst themselves and loot as much as possible all the resources. Their gathering was a way to formalize their illegal invasion and make right and justifiable their evil deeds. These so called powers had no shame, they scrambled for Africa, its people and resources in the process suffocating the local people. They claimed to bring civilization to the so called Dark Continent. What is strange is that in the so called Dark Continent, the people in it are the first to see the light, the sun rises first in their continent.

Genesis 1vs1-5:

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light and there was light.' And God saw the light, that it was good and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day'.

This according to an 'ignorant' person like me African in name and deed strongly believe that the African God was a creator and it is a fact that there is a God. This God created out of nothing unlike the so called gods who create from things that already exist and claim to be creators and equate themselves with God. The reason I quote this verse was to justify the fact that African continent and people are the first to see and receive light the sun at creation there was darkness and then followed by light.

So bare and keep that in mind that the 'ignorant' members of African society are informed and know that the sun first shines on Africa this kicks away the thoughts of the west that their missionaries brought light to Africa and it disqualifies the assertion that Africa was a dark continent. How then can the western countries bring light to the already dawn continent?

An 'ignorant' society will know that up to this present day the western powers are still scrambling for Africa. They may on paper have let go and

declared independence on the once independent countries that were colonized by them. It is black and white on paper but red on the ground (A chorus of rustics). What this quote simply means is that on paper independence was declared but on the ground the shedding of blood continues. All this was and is disguised under Christianity. The western Christian missionaries paused as saviors and light bearers yet they were monsters and wolves clothed in sheep skin ready to pounce and devour the Africans so they can loot their resources.

They had their bible and their god in their left hand and a gun of submission on the right hand. They softened the hearts of our forefathers by their sour doctrines. They presented a god that was foreign and did not favour Africans. It was a choosy colour god who viewed other races as inferior. However an 'ignorant' society of Africa defies odds in search of an African God who created all people equal in His image and gave them dominion over the seas, animals and beasts in the jungle. The God who

is not choosy nor favours particular groups of people or individuals.

Genesis 1vs26-27:

'Then God said, Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him male and female He created them'

The missionaries destroyed the holy shrines of Africans which were used to communicate with God. They brought their god who cursed the Africans and created a class society that looked down upon people and judged them according to their skin colour. This god was very different from the African God in that it championed inequality and brought chaos, division and hatred. Their god created a class system and created a master servant society. Their god oppressed others as these missionaries looked down upon others and made others slaves and others masters.

Their people were masters, light bearers and for salvation and admittance, local people had to bow down to a destiny that oppressed them. The missionaries brought a god alongside with small gods who claimed superiority and wanted the same worship accorded to their gods also to them. The missionaries claimed to be so much accustomed to god and his dealings as if they were neighbors and set together at the drawing board. They claim to communicate divine message that needed to be accepted without questioning the authenticity of the message and the source as well.

Already a master slave society was created that promoted inequality and looked down upon others and promoted evil practices and animalism. Their god hated Africans as it looked down upon their cultural and traditional practices. This god of the missionaries was very different from the African God in that the African God created equal human beings in His image who were to rule of the beasts of the forest and have dominion over them and not on other people. The African God never created a class

system never assigned people to rule over others to abuse and trample on them instead He created them to be messengers of glad tidings.

Matthew 7 vs. 3-4:

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother let me remove the speck from your eye and look a plank is in your eye?

28vs19-20:

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the age. Amen'.

What commission did the missionaries brought and who assigned them? They were sent by their masters to spy on the countries in Africa and then teach sour doctrine that promoted hatred and evil.

An 'ignorant' African society is well aware of the cunning and manipulative missionaries that:

Proverbs 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;

He rages against all wise judgment

This is one group of individuals that seem to be running the world. They call the shots and everyone dances according to their tune. From the English dictionary definition we get a picture of deceitful beings that are so cunning and tricky. These missionaries together with their masters were so calculating and manipulative at their planning and execution of ideas and they usually emerge victorious and they get away with what they want at the expense of other individuals.

It is clear that these are calculating missionaries exploited every situation to their advantage. They sit and plan as to how they can deceive and execute their plans and tactics. Having done so they then go out to the world and manipulate minds and exploit them and use them to their advantage and benefits.

We daily as an 'ignorant' African society that defies odds come across such people who use deceit to strip people of their labour and possessions thereby stripping them of their dignity and identity. They earn their riches and live in mansions with luxurious all at the expense of the African societies.

These missionaries and their masters whom they served were very foxy; they usually appear very charming and friendly. Since they are calculating they make sure that they strike the iron while hot. They dress well and impressive and smooth talk their victims and charm them at the end. They gleefully smile to win hearts of many and they then can have them to their side and use them. They make sure that their first impressions count and this is a device they use to lure people to their side.

Having befriended these individuals they bring them on board and use them to their own advantage. They betray the people and turn against those they

previously charmed and their smiles quickly fade away. They start to show their true colours and this becomes a betrayal to those who fell to these individuals and accommodated them as angels. They were impressed and charmed by the coat of many colours they appeared wearing but now they are disappointed and let down.

These missionaries were false prophets who paraded as angels while in actual facts they are wolves dressed in sheep skins. They often lie by withholding a significant amount of information from you or by distorting the truth. They came in the name of Jesus but fail to disclose to people which Jesus they are representing. They represent the kingdom of darkness and this is seen in the sour doctrine they preach and their desire for luxuries and prosperity. These are cunning, manipulative individuals who have an evil look in their faces and hearts. Once exposed as false prophets they

never admit their bad behaviour and if you bring their attention to it they will deny adamantly.

These cunning missionaries came to the people dressed in coats of many colours. They concealed their ambition, desire for power and domination under the cover of service to a higher cause or pretending to be working on someone else's behalf. These missionaries came carrying the Bible with their left hand and the gun with their right hand. They won hearts of many people and pretended to be servants of God working for Jesus Christ by so doing they concealed their ambitions. They later took over and stripped our forefathers of their land, resources and labour and even their dignity and identity.

These missionaries will try hard to wash away or erase the facts. They gathered to tear apart the African continent to divide it amongst themselves and loot as much as possible all the resources. Their gathering was a way to formalise their illegal invasion and make right and justifiable their evil deed. These

so called powers had no shame, they scrambled for Africa, its people and resources in the process suffocating the local people. They claimed to bring civilisation to the so called Dark Continent. What is strange is that in the so called Dark Continent, the people in it are the first to see the sunshine.

An 'ignorant' society has reference and points out to the Bible that the African society reads. This Bible has Genesis and verses such as Genesis 1 vs26-27 which reads:

> *'Then God said let's make man in our image, according to our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him male and female He created them.'*

Such verse was never found in their bible let alone their sermons. Their bible versions promoted inequality and created little gods that needed worship as well. They had many versions with twisted verses and promoted sour doctrine. Up to this day versions

of their bibles continue to resurface and flood the markets and enforce sour doctrines.

According to Mfuniselwa J Bhengu:

'Colonial conquest throughout Africa and subsequent industrialisation and urbanisation undermined the foundations of African spiritual, cultural and community life, leaving a vacuum in the important psychological sphere of giving meaning and value to life'

(Ubuntu: The essence of democracy)

According to Bhengu's assertion, the African way of worship and life was destroyed and deemed void and null. They were viewed as evil and barbaric and worshipping evil. So the missionaries chipped in to bring light and civilisation to the so called Dark Continent.

With such in mind the 'ignorant' African society need to be pardoned for asking the same question that was asked on the sons of Sceva: '.....but who are you?' Maybe to validate this question and make it sound better and more African, we can phrase it and ask: 'Who are these missionaries and which god are they bringing and talking about?'

An ‘ignorant’ African society is so eager and can’t wait to get an answer. It may or may not come because these so called missionaries were nothing but agents of colonisation. They came in the name of their gods, softened hearts of Africans, made them to sun their God, their cultural and traditional practices and way of life. At the end missionaries paved way for their countries and masters who came in when the ground was made soft and fertile with lies and deception and the Africans were taken for a ride.

Before they knew it they had lost everything, their virginity stripped identity lost and were suffocated, trampled and marginalised. This is a sad reality that still lingers in an ‘ignorant’ society that needs an answer. It seems not to be coming any day soon that’s why the ‘ignorant’ society has chosen to defy odds and keep on searching the African God and restoring its holy shrines and ways of worship and cultural and traditional practices revived and rekindled alongside the spirit of Ubuntu.

Chapter 2

African in name, foreign in deed

I always have an opportunity to look and study a chameleon with my 'ignorant' shallow brains. It is a very interesting animal that leaves a lot to be desired and many questions unanswered especially to an inquisitive mind.

A chameleon takes calculated steps. At times it 'freezes' in mid-air before stepping on the ground. While the leg is in mid-air you may think it will not step down but before you know it, it steps and accelerates its move. As it does so you may be forced to think that maybe it is not sure or doesn't know where it's going. So I believe it is suspicious and also clouded with fear and mistrust, remember this is my own version and understand for the chameleon behaviour so do not reference it unless you are a rustic.

Again the chameleon blends well with its surroundings. It changes colours as it changes its environment. As it moves form one place to the other it leaves behind the colour of its origin and takes that of its destination. You cannot confirm a chameleon. It can be mistaken for anything that it has identified itself with. However it cannot if it was a human being be trusted because it has ever changing characteristics. A chameleon may change and blends well with nature and its environment but still it remains a chameleon.

On the other hand am told if you upset it the chameleon 'barks' to scare away the intruder. At times it moves quickly but does not get far. Its colours change at the same time. Am also informed that when it gets angry its backbone becomes sharp as a sword that it can slice its intruder to pieces. Am yet to find out more about a chameleon because I can liken it to individuals and institutions found in Africa.

They cannot be confirmed and they take in well the characteristics and behaviours of a chameleon. Having studied the chameleon as a rustic, am left to conclude that we have people and institutions here in Africa that are African in name but foreign in deed. They pretend to be African, blend in well with Africans but when they get what they want they change colours and become sharp like the backbone of a chameleon and cause chaos and even take away lives.

Edgar H Brookes says in his letter to the African:

> *'I am what I am because…. you are what you are and what you are is African influenced by western knowledge and experience. You are a product of acculturation, as all men are. You could not divest yourself of this if you would. You ought not even if you could'*

It takes an 'ignorant' person a rustic to fume at this assertion and hit back. Reason being the westerners think they hold the keys to life and heaven. They think they can influence life and detect terms to Africans. To them civilisation must be ideal and understood from their western perspective. If not

then you are evil and barbaric and live in Africa the dark uncivilised continent.

Well if it means you choose to be 'ignorant' better be than be wise and foolish. Modelling your way of life to the western cultures that is if they are cultural and in their ideas is a suicidal route to take and follow leading nowhere but six feet under. This has been inculcated in the minds of many that western life is the ideal life to pursue. African lives as a result of such teachings and beliefs has left their lives being lives of experiments and study and stripping them of their identity and dignity. They have lost value and ideal codes of conduct compromised. Their way of life has been destroyed and taken away from them. They are now Africans in name but foreign in deed.

It has to sink in their minds that for long the westerners have thought they are the kings and masters who can determine the destiny of people especially Africans. As according to Brookes: '……..

you are an African influenced by western knowledge and experience’.

Well Mr Brookes you need to be reminded that an ‘ignorant’ society is being created. A society that defies odds and will not bow down to a destiny and ideas that oppress, trample and suffocate Africans. This western style and practice is not sustainable and is a route that will never be followed by an ‘ignorant’ African. If it is the accepted lie that has been circulated for centuries and deceit the rustics have no choice but to pave their own path and defy the odds by creating an 'ignorant' society that champions the spirit of Ubuntu. A society that will tilt the scales and balance the imbalances caused by the so called western powers.

Let it be a wakeup call, Africans can determine their own destiny. No one has a right to detect terms and coin rules and laws to lead Africans. Only Africans can define who they are and what kind of life to lead and rules to follow. For long Africans have been denied existence and suffocated.

They have lived borrowed lives all because these western forces and influences. The western ides have ignored the African way of life. It has made Africans gullible to accept things told to them without study and this makes the west think and boast that they hold the keys to African freedom and even keys to their destiny and heaven.

Africa has a right to life and it does not owe anyone any cent or explanation. As such it must be left alone to live its way of life and detect its own terms and create its own rules and the end result of it all, this African behaviour is Ubuntu. Ubuntu will truly bring Africans in name and in practice.

Having discovered your African identity your true self, sons and daughters of the soil you will be 'ignorant' and well informed that you are not just black but an African child of African civilisation. This will help you to digest and embrace the facts and the difference between Africanism and Europeanism. These two concepts are like west and east. So those

followers and disciples of Brookes should be taught the 'ignorant' way of life. To not embrace everything told to them but to study and delve deeper to gain understanding then be in a position to pass an informed judgement. The African rustics have risen, an 'ignorant' movement that does not stoop that low let alone allow themselves to be trampled upon, denied existence or be used as experimental laboratory rats.

According to Mangaliso R Sobukwe:

'World civilisation will not be complete until the African has made his full contribution. And even as the dying so called Roman civilisation received new life from the barbarians, so also will the decaying so called Western civilisation find a new and purer life from africa'.

To add on to this assertion, an African is challenged to rise high and reach the stars even the sky won't be the limit. African success is never celebrated nor accounted thus there is a need of a wakeup call to celebrate African success.

Education and information dissemination should be radically broadcasted. Lots of African society should be taught to embrace and celebrate their own. To walk tall and be counted and rank amongst the best. The African reality should be told as it is key to emancipation and regaining the African identity and reclaiming the continent of Africa and making it African.

It takes an individual to be freed from mental slavery and to stand and walk tall. Be a shield and love each other and claim back the lost love. Africans need to play a positive role, value who they are and not allow the enemy to divide and destroy them. They should go back to the drawing board and promote and live the spirit of Ubuntu. This is further championed by an African nationalist, patriot, philosopher and statesman, Dr Mangosuthu G Buthelezi a staunch advocate and proponent of Ubuntu philosophy once said:

'We offer our Ubuntu ideas as the answer to the spoken of the wrong evaluation of a person, which is the cause for all our problems.'

For long the African society has been denied existence, never given a chance and opportunity to study and be innovative. They have been confined in a dark corner and suffocated. They have been belittled and looked down upon and told they are nothing and that nothing good can come out of them.

'In my search,' asserted Bhengu: 'for a substantial explanation of African Humanism (Ubuntu) I visited a few well known Western thinkers and philosophers of international repute. These included Plato, Aristotle, Rousseau, Montesquieu, Comte, Spencer, Marx, Engels, Weber, Thomas Hobbes, Milton, Locke, Descartes etc. but very few gave me what I wanted. Then I came back to my own continent Africa. African thinkers quickly gave me a substantial answer and explanation of Ubuntu – and this was a kind of self-discovery.'

This deeply indicates that Ubuntu is an African product. It is an indigenous African philosophy. It is an African way of life. It was not imported from eastern or western Europe. It is

something out of Africa. All African languages throughout the continent do have a word that defines the person (umuntu) and bringing individual persons together in a higher reality is Ubuntu".

(Ubuntu: The essence of democracy)

No need to add, Bhengu has nailed the point that cannot be ignored let alone taken for granted. Africa is the source of life, Africa has all it takes and its answers to life are within the boundaries of Africa. You do not need to Google, all you have to do is turn to the next rustic near you, hold their hands and embrace their wisdom and treasure it in your life for they are like a source of life that will never run dry an oasis of wisdom purely African.

'When King Shaka welded the Zulu nation together, the Zulu people evolved the deeply moral humanism captured in the philosophy of Ubuntu. It was Shaka's deep conviction that only equality for all who were human could unite his people and give them a distinctiveness which would enable them to survive every attack and which would prove so resilient that the very worst that colonial subjugation could do to destroy the Zulu nation would forever fail'.

(M.J Bhengu: Ubuntu: The essence of democracy).

The tactics and beliefs of King Shaka promoted the spirit of Ubuntu and ensured that human life was preserved and dignified. This promoted oneness, unity and the value of life embroidered in love and harmony and this fostered a spirit of oneness and tranquillity prevailed. Ubuntu, as King Shaka understood it was the way of life and this cannot be argued but needs to be rekindled and embraced by everyone. As this is the only avenue to life and emancipation and by embracing Ubuntu the enemy is shut outside. There won't be any room for chaos, destruction and the efforts to destroy and trample down the livelihoods of Africans and their cultural and traditional beliefs will never succeed never!

In emphasising his belief in Ubuntu as a vehicle for democracy, as according to Mfuniselwa J Bhengu, he asserts that:

'To validate one's heritage, to explore one's culture, to examine thoroughly those institutions which have persisted through

centuries is perhaps the first step in a people's search for freedom'.

(Ubuntu: The essence of democracy).

In accordance to the demands of M.J Bhengu we will look at these institutions and individuals who are African in name but foreign in deed. I chose to do this in a strange way by looking at the chameleon behaviour and link it with the behaviour of these individuals and institutions so as to make them African in both name and practice.

Chapter 3

African in name foreign in deed: The chameleon behaviour

According to Chameleon Care and Information Centre (CCIC), as whole chameleons have a number of behavioural characteristics which can be extremely important when seeking to understand them. To start with the chameleons are generally solitary animals that are considered shy by nature. They are quiet accepting of members of their own species, most typical chameleons are intolerant of cohabitation with the exception of during mating and courtship.

Chameleons generally do not do well with high actively levels in the vicinity of their immediate environment. They do not appreciate frequent interaction with their keeper and often react poorly to frequent handling or unneeded observation. Chameleons often lean around branches to try to hide from disturbances. These types of situations are highly stressful for chameleons. Communication techniques are another valuable behaviour to understand. The first method of communication is colour change. It is well known that colour can be an indicator of health, reproductive conditions and stress. Abnormally dark colouration generally indicate stress, illness or too low of temperatures. Abnormally high colouration indicates the same as dark.

As according to Christopher V Anderson.

(CCIC)

Many people think chameleons change colour to blend in with their surroundings. Which is not true, studies show that light, temperature and mood cause chameleons to change colour. Sometimes it helps the animal communicate with other chameleons. Chameleons eyes have a 360 degree arc of vision and can see two directions at once. Chameleons can’t hear much. The American chameleon is not actually a chameleon but a small lizard of the iguana family. It is found in the south east of U.S.A and is noted of its colour changes.

The chameleon behaviour

The have a number of behavioural characteristics

The very people who claim to be African or are African in name can be matched to a chameleon in that they have a number of behavioural characteristics. You cannot confirm them or know exactly what kind of people are they. They are ever changing just the weather. Such people are moody and are driven by emotions and feelings. They always want things done their way.

They pretend to be content with the status quo and when events change they as well change. Apart from the chameleon behaviour they also have a dead leaf syndrome. They are easily carried away and blown by the wind in whatever direction it goes.

Automatically you cannot put your trust in them or be involved with them in sustainable projects. These are the people who desert you and jump off your ship when its sinking and they forget that the storm will calm and the ship will sail safely

again. They leave you hanging with unfinished business. They are not real friends, they cannot stand by you when days are dark.

These are people who are African in name but with evil deeds driven by selfish motives. They come to Africa and pretend to be with Africans but at the back of their minds they are infested with evil. Once they are settled, they start to show their true colours and they behave in ways that leave a lot to be desired. They strike while the iron is hot catch you with your pants down and they get away with murder. In so doing they strip Africans of their identity and resources and dignity as well leaving them in distress.

Chameleons are generally solitary animals

This too is another characteristic of those who claim to be African yet their practices are foreign and isolatory. These people become part of the society and having been welcomed and shown all the African treasures they plot against Africa.

They team up with their people and isolate Africans. They overwork Africans, make them do their dirty job and strip them of their dignity and identity. They make the Africans sweat and exchange their blood for their survival. Having done so they turn to the chameleon behaviour that of being isolatory.

They exclude themselves from Africans, create barriers and barricades to keep Africans away. They create their own social gatherings and clubs with restricted entry and colour code. They separate themselves from Africa. They create institutions that suffocate and keep Africans away from them.

Examples of these institutions are banks, schools, universities, media houses and even churches and rating agents. It may be surprising to include churches and one will be shocked to see them placed amongst these isolatory gatherings and clubs. It's true they belong here. These churches preach sour doctrines, doctrines such as Africans were a result of a cursed generation. Their cultural and traditional practices are seen to be evil and uncivilised. They are demon possessed and their worship is seen as evil and uncivilised. These preachers in these churches look down upon our social custodians and call them names ridiculing them during their sermons.

These institutions look down upon Africans even the African doctors who are not given a chance to practice and they are called witch doctors and theirs medical doctors. Part of these institutions include the justice system, the courts have become a ridicule to the law and they promote inequality.

There is no room for an African to be fairly treated and represented in the court of law.

A clear cut example is the International Court of Justice which is bent on persecuting African leaders and not in any day have they prosecuted western leaders who have blood in their hands due to mass murders and wars they have created and sponsored. This is seen also in their composition, as the majority are people of colour and no Africans or few are there and play a passive role. These people have manipulated laws and twisted laws and have brought shame to the justice system.

Also these institutions broadcast and change mind-sets with their biased presentation of news. The media houses are part of these institutions that are African in name yet foreign in deed. They showcase stories and not African realities. Stories filled with hate speech hatred and anger. They misrepresent history and always want people to view society and live according to western cultures and

ideas. The news and films that are viewed always portray Africa in a negative way. There is no room to celebrate the African way of life and the code of conduct. Always through these media houses Africans are seen as evil and barbaric programmed to kill and with failed leadership. Foreign cultures and traditions are promoted with the local cultures shunned and looked down upon. These has corrupted minds of many and made Africans docile such that they can be viewed as ignorant and useless people who cannot determine their destiny and way of life. Times are changing these media houses should focus their attention in nation building and report on African realities and not stories. They should be embracing and accommodate constructive views and debates that are set to build society and take it to greater levels of life. What is hurting and shocking is that these media houses carry African names yet they are foreign in and out. Let this be a

wakeup call the time is now for an African reality to be told by us without us it will remain a fairy tale!

Part of these institutions include rating agents. These mess with the market system and determine exchange rates, currency value and so quick to downgrade African states to junk status as they take commands from their masters especial those in the west. These are calculated moves and efforts to destabilise African states paving way for these evil forces to come in and control markets and pretend to be saviours of the economy yet they want to continue stripping Africa of its resources and control them.

Also the education system is not spared from these corrupt individuals. The education system that is currently taught and preached favours western type of education and looks down upon African education. Most of the institutions teach western history amongst other subjects and discourage and suffocate African history which is not included and

not prioritised in subjects taught at schools. They tend to forget that history is the study of the past so as to understand the present and plan for the future. They shun history because it will expose them of their past and present evil doings so they prefer to keep people in the dark and make them shun their history. Further the type of education looks down upon African cultural and traditional practices and does not promote the spirit of Ubuntu.

All these are efforts of the people who claim to be Africans yet their deeds are evil and foreign. Thus an 'ignorant' society must be created that will defy the odds and claim back its identity and radically transform these institutions and do away with seclusion and isolation. Africa belongs to Africans and those who dwell in it and all must be treated equally and fairly as this is not a jungle where its survival of the fittest.

They are quiet accepting of members of their own species

Isolation and marginalisation have become the code of the day. Africans have been suffocated and abused. They have been isolated and side-lined from life and its activities. They toil and sweat producing for others. They have been stripped of their resources and their land and labour. Family relations and ties have been broken as they are separated from their loved ones as a result of work. They are overworked and do not get time to rest and be with family.

Their employers seem to be chasing deadlines thus they do not spare them time to rest or off days. They work seven days a week around the clock with no time to even go to church or attend social gatherings and family events. They no longer have time to spend with friends, debate and pave their way to the future and present their plight.

They have been divided and programmed to kill and hate their own. They have been made enemies of their own and they are managed and supervised by foreign Africans. Kiss goes by favour so they say as a result of these beliefs and acceptance of such statements scales have been tilted that create chaos, tilt scales and promote inequality. They promote and champion racism, class system and they bulldoze their way and sow seeds of destruction. These so called Africans want to be seen as superiors and always with answers as most of them when talking to you they always say, 'what can I do for you'. This is their greeting and it makes them feel worth of respect and honour and position them in a state of having answers and solutions to challenges facing society yet it's not true they are the very people that need help and assistance for they are brainwashed.

This is a result of the chameleon behaviour which they have embraced and cling on to and

makes them tolerate only their members of their own race and look down upon others especially the Africans. As a result of their behaviour an ‘ignorant’ African society should be created that will defy odds and cut across gender, race, colour and creed and do away with racism and class system and promote equality, unity and love and champion the spirit of Ubuntu and have it rekindled and revived amongst people of all walks of life.

Chameleons are intolerant of cohabitation with the exception of during mating and courtship

According to an English dictionary definition of cohabitation one is convinced that these individuals who claim to be African are totally the opposite of what they say. They only do so to strip Africa of its resources and its jewels (women).

Cohabitation is defined as a state or condition of living together as husband and wife without being married. Of political parties it is defined as the state or condition of cooperating for specific purposes without forming a coalition.

To present clearly my argument I chose to go with the second definition in light of what is happening in Africa. Women have been marginalised and viewed as the weaker sex. Their role and contribution in society has not been accounted and celebrated. They have been treated as mere property and a collection of jewellery. They have been denied

existence and have been confined in the kitchen and bedroom.

Like chameleons, these individuals cut across race and creed only for purposes of cooperation and not bonding or building families. Marriages of inconveniences have been arranged and passed. Women have not been consulted in such arrangements and as a result they bow down to a destiny that oppresses them. They are forced to marry people who claim to be Africans but foreign in deed.

They have paraded women as property and possessions and have even forced them to do evil deeds such as prostitution and luring men to their businesses. Some have been made to sell drugs and also entertain men in bars and other business naked or half naked and for sexual pleasures. This is a result of bride price the so called African men paid. It is thus the cost of bride pricing that is costing women their lives and to live in these arranged

marriages that sacrifice their freedoms and strip them of their identity and dignity.

Such evil practices should be stamped out of society. Women should be given a chance and allowed to establish their own destiny. They have lives to live and they are too human beings hence they should not be treated as mere property and a collection of jewellery. It thus takes an 'ignorant' society to champion the plight of women. Only a united society can stamp out this evil out of society and value women for they are the unsung heroes the queen of relations who beautify the earth with their fruits of the womb.

The first method of communication is colour change. It is well known that colour can be an indicator of health, reproductive conditions and stress.

Colours may or may not define who you are or your taste to life. It is however very crucial and important to be well vexed with them and to study them very carefully. Colours have been used as a secret code of

communication mostly embraced by politicians and secret societies. These are also used by those people who claim to be Africans but foreign in deed. They have also been abused and I will clarify this by quoting an extract from the book The abused colour titled: Accepted lies.

Accepted lies

Deception is the code of the day. This piece sets the motion that society has been made to accept lies and to live with them as reality. What a sad scenario. On daily basis society is confined and made not to think outside the box. This is asserted by Ngugi in his book Decolonising the Mind where he states that society is blinkered and only views its destiny as determined by its colonial masters.

In other words society has been deprived of education and it has not been liberated. The education system is so biased in that it looks down upon the locals and their cultural and traditional practices. People have been made to shun their backgrounds thereby depriving them of their identity and making them lose their dignity. The so called influential people and the so called scholars have planted seeds of destruction in society. They have advocated for ideas that are not sustainable and little is said or debated about them.

The next thing is they are documented and find their way to print and lands in our bookshelves. Tomorrow they land in our hands and we are taught to take every word that is written down to be true and the only path to be taken to a better future.

I beg to differ, society is truly blinkered and their future is biased because it is made to accept every lie told to them by these cunning and manipulative individuals. Without going far, a closer look at the colour system will make life easy for people. Life now revolves around colours and this makes people be judged on their skin colour not the content of character.

Some are said to have a good taste of life depending on their colour combination and others are the opposite because they view life differently and choose colours that suit and define them. They are two interesting colours that people have identified themselves with whilst in actual facts it is not true but accepted lies.

Black and White are colours that have been abused and misrepresented to people. I won't dwell much on this because it is an accepted lie and I don't want to be part of that lie. In the world of the living where I also exist there are no Black people and there no White people. Like I indicated I don't want to dwell much on this so every time you are told that you are Black or White just look at your skin colour and look at anything that is true white or black. Then you will know that for ages you have been living a lie as you were made to accept that you are either Black or White.

Very funny and interesting indeed to know and see how people have been comfortable in living a lie. We have failed to confront real issues and our focus and attention has been shifted to other issues and we have ignored the basics. I think it's time to pick up the pieces and undo the wrongs that have been done to society. A lot of lies have been circulated around polished in such a way that they seem appealing and as a result they are adopted and used as facts. A lot has been said to people and we accept without studying and delving deeper.

We are thus challenged not to accept what has been told to us without studying. Let’s go back to our roots back to basics and love unconditionally and lend a helping hand and be a shoulder to lean on and take society to greater heights. Let’s pick up pieces and build the picture and do away with being passive and ignorant by accepting things told to us without studying.

Chameleon eyes have a 360 degree arc of vision and can see two directions at once

This is a typical behaviour of those who claim to be African yet their behaviours are opposite. These people are fearful and suspicious. They behave this way because they are very abusive and plant seeds of destructions in their dealings. They overwork their employees making them work longer hours with peanuts at the end of the month.

They divide and instil fear in society, they always want their presence to be felt even in their absence. They even take away lives without being held accountable and no compensation at all. They do not meet the ends of justice as they toss and trample on society and even abuse and bruise them. Because of this chameleon behaviour they have eyes everywhere. Even in space they have eyes there to watch over the world and spy on others.

Their residences and businesses have eyes as well installed and they are both human and gadgets and they are wide open around the clock. They have manipulated the local people and divided them and turned them against each other and made to kill and

hate their own. This is a tactic that works for them as it helps them to be always in control of both resources and the minds of Africans. They have both eyes and ears in society spying on each other for their masters creating tension in the process. They always want to be kept abreast the happenings around them and in society even in people's private lives.

They also go an extra mile to learning local languages as a device to be informed and not gossiped. This could have been embraced and applauded as a move and effort to identify and respect locals but it is not it's only for selfish ends. When you the motive behind them learning local languages you then realise that you are fooled and taken for a ride. Since they claim to be Africans, they speak African languages so that it becomes easier for them to exploit the people and also to spy on them. They always want to watch their backs because of the evil deeds done on Africans and this keeps them on their toes. It thus takes an 'ignorant' society to be created and to know what is at play and what to embrace and what behaviours to reject.

The American chameleon is not actually a chameleon but a small lizard of the iguana family. It is found in the south-east of USA and is noted of its colour changes

America claims to be a superpower either by force or deceit that cannot be reckoned with. Whatever it says it wants it to be followed. America bulldozes its way in African countries and cause chaos and tension and disturbs the way of life. It has trampled on many people, suffocated them and taken lives in the process.

It has continued to interfere with world affairs and also with markets. It has always wanted to show and increase its dominance in the global market and has always used its currency as a measure of value and trade. Everything on the market is measured against the US dollar a way of controlling the markets and world affairs by America.

It is a state driven by selfish deeds and greed and a monster that preys on the innocent countries stripping them of hope and lives. This is a mistake that America has made and will suffer from it in the near future. It has continued to detect terms,

destabilise countries and their economies and has continued to loot and exploit African resources, labour and people.

It is however fighting a losing battle because winds of changing are blowing and an 'ignorant' society of rustics is rising. For long Africa has been isolated, suffocated, trampled, tossed and turned and its resources stripped so is its virginity. The time is now for Africa to claim back its identity, its resources and its land and use it to the benefit of its people all those that dwell in mother Africa.

The time is now to defy odds and create an 'ignorant' that will tilt the scales and balance imbalances of yesteryear. A society that will join hands and embrace everyone from different walks of life to pave way and champion a sustainable future. A society that will celebrate its victory and success and will not allow itself to be divided and fight against their own. A society that will stand and walk talk and be counted. A society that will love in both word and deed and promote and sustain a spirit of Ubuntu. For Africa has been side-lined and made

spectators in their own game and home ground.

Gone are the days, the rustics are rising!!!

Chapter 4
Challenging the status quo:

'If you in Rome do like romans do'

Point of correction, an 'ignorant' society will not confine with such demands and choses to keep it identity and way of life. It embraces its way of life and beauty and will not bow down to beliefs and assertions that have been coined to abuse others. It chooses to remain 'ignorant' keep its identity and pave its way of life through the route of emancipation and actualisation

Laissez faire

Defined as a policy of allowing business to operate freely without government control. Is not entertained by Radical Transformation reason being for long the system at play has infringed on the people and claimed immunity as laissez faire. There are areas that have remained no go areas, out of bounds and trespassers have been shot more than once. There are

businesses that have isolated many and have closed networks. Barricades have been erected and these limit individuals to venture in such fields and areas. For long such industries have been enjoyed by the minority at the expense of the majority. This has created a class system that suffocates and isolates other members and individuals from partaking in sharing the cake of life.

There are laws that are an obstacle and a barrier to development that have been set to bar the majority from taking part in these reserved fields. They have remained in place and existence for long despite the negative effects it has on society. They have been preserved and treasured despite the fact that they create tension and cause disputes in society. These laws were put in place to limit and deny individuals from living their desired lives, to also restrict their businesses and sphere of influence.

The elite seem to be enjoying, they call the shots and detect terms and hide under immunity.

Whatever they are doing they claim it is legal yet it hampers development and creates a biased society. This has tilted the scales and caused imbalances. The people have been isolated yet they claim to be independent. In their country they still have invaders calling the shots, detecting to lives of the majority. These individuals cannot be questioned or brought to book because they exist outside the law in their own planets.

Radical Transformation understands that a lot of harm and damage has been caused by not challenging the status quo. Countries have been downgraded to junk statuses because their members have realised that they have been oppressed and stripped of their resources for long. They realised that for long society has been silenced, abused and trampled upon. The leaders have seen that there are places that remain no go areas and these restrict development and the system only benefits a few at the expense of the majority.

This cannot be tolerated in a democracy because it exploits the masses and strips them of their freedoms and identity. People cannot claim to be free and independent yet there still exist places and businesses and even sports activities that forbid others from taking part in them. Such activities are supported by the core and they enjoy the benefits. They will continue to do so and will not be questioned because doing so will be like attacking a state that is a protectorate and has no standing army. In other words you will be fighting with the whole world. This is why any interference shakes the world and the core members are quick to respond with harsh terms such as cutting trading relations, sanctions, trade embargos and even isolation from travelling to their countries.

These core countries are quick to guard their interest and continue to exploit resources in the periphery. They still maintain what was abolished on paper yet ripe on the ground which is slave trade and

slave labor and even colonialism. They still fully practice the evil of the past in the periphery countries. They continue to disturb peace and they encourage wars so that people will focus on fighting each other and the core will continue stripping them of their labor, resources and independence.

A lot of damage and harm has been caused by the core countries and hindering development in countries of the periphery. A lot of businesses have remained under the hands of the core and they every day increase their sphere of influence in the countries of the periphery. This cannot be so for long thus Radical Transformation says it is time to correct the mistakes of the past and enough is enough. The system at play cannot remain untouched or ignored under the bar of laissez faire. Now is the time to cut boundaries and venture in the no go areas and restricted businesses so as to empower all members of the society.

Now is the time to make people enjoy their freedom and cut all restrictions in business, social and sporting activities. This is the time for people to explore all trade areas and avenues. The world may react and cause or send shock waves. The world may downgrade all the countries in the periphery but it want be for long they will survive and determine their own destiny and claim their full independence. The world for long has called shots and detected terms and restricted movement and trade in the periphery. Not now not again not ever will the periphery countries remain passive and docile and bow to a destiny that is oppressive.

Radical Transformation should thus challenge and interfere with laissez faire for the benefit of society because such a policy is not conducive and has no room for development. It creates tension and chaos and produce selfish individuals who are greedy. This calls for sustainable development and it starts with

venturing in no go areas and restoring them and giving them to the rightful owners.

Chapter 5

The Core and The Periphery

The countries of the world can be divided into two major world regions. The Core and The Periphery. The core includes major world powers and the countries that contain much of the wealth of the planet. Mark the underlined as we will argue about that later on when we look at African countries which also have the riches of the planet but are outside the core.

The Periphery are those countries that are not reaping the benefits of global wealth and globalisation. (Collin Steif). This division raises eyebrows and a lot of questions judging on which country and continent you come from and the region to which it is categorized or classified. Radical Transformation fully understands this division of the countries and the bias attached to it. Those countries in the core seem to be in the center of attraction and are enjoying life to the fullest. With

such a picture and description none will want to fall out of this group and be deprived of the benefits. So individuals outside the core will try by all means to cling and identify themselves with the core in their lifestyle and outlook.

The core is classed as a grouping of countries that possess much great wealth of resources. Now Radical Transformation understands that Africa is not part of the core but is very rich in mind and resources. This therefore means that African countries are isolated from the core yet stripped of their resources and its labor benefit the core. Already we have a biased picture in terms of the characteristics of the core countries and those in Africa on issues of resources. What this shows are tilted scales and imbalances and calls for Radical Transformation to balance the imbalances of yesteryear and bring back the resources taken to the core. It calls for African resources to be enjoyed by Africans and their sweat and blood be rewarded through returning their identity the LAND!

The periphery is described as a grouping of countries that are not reaping the benefits of global wealth and globalization. Automatically what this means is that countries in the periphery are shut and detached from the world. They cannot connect or engage with the core directly and thus there has to be agents to connect them who in turn call the shots and make Africans dance to the tune of the core. This is seen as the only way to connect the periphery to the core. In trade since the periphery is from globalization it means it cannot be part of that network of trade, communication and innovation.

What is interesting to note is that countries in the periphery boast of the abundance of natural resources they possess riches and treasures claimed by the world and the so called countries in the core. This was one of the tangible reasons that led to the Scramble for Africa with each country in the core dying to control African countries' affairs and resources despite many

reasons amongst them the cheap labor. This was their entry point to loot the riches of the periphery and exploit them and their labor for their own benefits. So the scramble opened doors to colonialism and slavery. The African continent was stripped and continue to be stripped of its resources. There are wars and divisions in these countries so that they can be divided and focus and attention diverted from the real issues on the ground. In this way they have no time to jealously guard against their resources instead they are fighting one another. So Radical Transformation understands all this and thus has to chip in and come with a solution to address the bias of yesteryear that continues to have negative impact in today and the future of the countries of the periphery.

Already it is now clear as to who controls and who calls the shots and those who dance to the tune and those who trade with their blood and sweat to gain

recognition in globalization and to claim the cake of freedom.

Chapter 6

A closer look at the Theory of the core and the periphery:

The basic principle of the Core-Periphery theory is that as general prosperity grows worldwide, the majority of that growth is enjoyed by a core region of wealthy countries despite being severely outnumbered in population by those in a periphery that are ignored. Here we have a picture of isolation and rejection. Again we find out that countries in the periphery have a larger population which may mean an exploitation of resources or a sustaining growth of these resources. This will produce much more than is expected and there won't be any demands, hunger or starvation.

However the bias is that this larger population in the periphery is used against them. To the core their arguments are that a larger population means a strain on resources resulting in extinction. A larger

population again to them means a lack of knowledge of family planning and lack of education. As a result countries in the core came as saviors to address issues of population.

They introduced their biased education system which is Eurocentric and looks down upon the locals. They as a result the periphery countries were made to shun and look down upon their culture and tradition. The people of the periphery were and are still brainwashed and blinkered. They welcome the core teachings and fully adopted them. Thus this is a bias that Radical Transformation should address. The individuals in the periphery countries have lost their identity. They have been taught foreign ideas and practices and are forced to embrace them. Background education is looked down upon; the role of social custodians is overlooked.

Leaders have been ridiculed, looked down upon and rejected. To qualify as leaders they are thus supposed to attain their education in the core. This

was further made hard by the introduction of Christianity. The missionaries sailed to the periphery with a gun and the Bible. They used the Bible to soften hearts and then corrupt the minds. What these missionaries did in the periphery countries was to establish schools and churches and these promoted and advanced the influence of the core. The education system was and continues to be biased and promotes foreign ideas and celebrates foreign heroes to local periphery heroes. Religion brainwashed many people in the periphery and was used as a tool to strip Africans of their resources. A god was introduced to them in return they had to give up their resources and their LAND and identity.

They were stripped of their virginity. Local heroes were discredited and viewed as evil and barbaric thus it was pointless to talk or teach about them. This is still maintained as most schools shun local history and promote western history. Learners have become more interested in European history and

they seem to be walking tall chest out when they are talking about this history they brag about it as if it's their own.

Again the issue of population explosion was used as an excuse to bring in teachings of contraceptives. This led to the legalization of prostitution and abortion which is more pronounced in the periphery countries. Thus members of the periphery were and are still occupied with methods of prevention while countries in the core are promoting birth and high population in their countries. This opened doors to more evil than good as it introduced human slaughter and human sacrifice a problem that has messed lives up to this day.

The introduction of Christianity was so biased in that the Bible was misquoted and God was presented as a White being who hated all the people in the periphery yet in actual facts God is the creator and maker of every one and there is no single verse in the Bible that points to God and Jesus as being white.

According to the teachings of the core to the periphery on issues of Christianity, the people in the periphery were seen as evil, demon possessed and needed cleansing to be accepted. They were to gain their entry into Christianity only when preachers from the core were sent to them and preached to them the gospel accepted in the core to the periphery yet the same gospel was biased and caused more harm than good and created a class society and promoted the inferiority complex.

This bias further exploited the people in the periphery and also abused the Bible reducing its authenticity as verses were altered some omitted and not taught or preached about. This bias and comparison of Jesus as a white being promoted white supremacy and they saw themselves at par with God and hence needed to be worshiped as well. This led to many people rejecting their own cultural and traditional practices and worship of God in their own way and style. Others totally rejected God and the

Bible and chose their own ways and even having their own Black God and Jesus. This was an idea and a tool of deception used by the agents of the dark kingdom to brain wash people and make them reject God.

The images and visuals painted and presented to the people portray God and Jesus as white and most of these hang in the walls of many households and public places even the films are shown to a larger audience on special days and celebrations that have been put to coincide with Bible events. This is done so as to force these ideas and build a wrong picture in people's minds. Radical Transformation will thus come in to bring about change in minds of people and to remove the blinkers that have confined them and made them not to think outside the box. Change has to come and take place especially in the education sector and also in religion and it has to be made clear to the people that there is no single verse in the Bible that gives God and Jesus color.

All these false ideas and sour doctrines should be highlighted and rejected. Homegrown solutions should be championed locals should benefit and decide their own destiny and continue with their worship style as long as it points to God. Social custodians and leaders should be restored and respected. People should be proud of their own history and should embrace it freely without fear. Radical Transformation should make the study of history a part of the school curriculum and teachers should study history even if it's not in line with their subjects of specialization as this will inspire and motivate the leaners. It is a shame and disgrace to produce educators who are not well vexed with their own history yet they will stand in front of the audience and teach people. The result will be a doomed society with no identity and herding to a doomed future and destination.

As a people and nation we ought to be proud of our identity and value where we come from and

appreciate the struggles and roles played by our forefathers in bringing about freedom. Radical Transformation should thus remove blinkers form society and make them active participants and agents of their own development. It should also make it clear that religion has been used as a tool to capture people's minds and make them slaves. It should make it clear that there are many barriers, physical and political that prevent the poor citizens of the world from participating in global relations. The disparity of wealth between core and periphery countries is staggering with 15% of the global population enjoying 75% of the world's annual income. (Collin Steif)

Radical Transformation should also address the biases advocated by theories that are championed in many countries of the periphery such as the Malthusian theory highlighted below: As according to A.A.G Centre for Global Geography Education, Malthusian Theory of Population:

Thomas Robert Malthus was the first economist to propose a systematic theory of population. He articulated his views regarding population in his famous book, Essay on the Principle of Population (1798), for which he collected empirical data to support his thesis. Malthus had the second edition of his book published in 1803, in which he modified some of his views from the first edition, but essentially his original thesis did not change.

In Essay on the Principle of Population, *Malthus proposes the principle that human populations grow exponentially (i.e., doubling with each cycle) while food production grows at an arithmetic rate (i.e. by the repeated addition of a uniform increment in each uniform interval of time). Thus, while food output was likely to increase in a series of twenty-five year intervals in the arithmetic progression 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and so on, population was capable of increasing in the geometric progression 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, and so forth.*

This scenario of arithmetic food growth with simultaneous geometric human population growth predicted a future when humans would have no resources to survive on. *To avoid such a catastrophe, Malthus urged controls on population growth. On the basis of a hypothetical world population of one billion in the early nineteenth century and an adequate means of subsistence at that time, Malthus suggested that there was a potential for a population increase to 256 billion within 200 years but that the means of subsistence were only capable of being increased enough for nine billion to be fed at the level prevailing at the*

beginning of the period. He therefore considered that the population increase should be kept down to the level at which it could be supported by the operation of various checks on population growth, which he categorized as "preventive" and "positive" checks.

Taking from the argument of Thomas Malthus one stand to be corrected for believing that feeding society with genetically modified food is a way of decreasing the population. For these food will in the end cause complications and serious health problems to the consumers and eventually they will die.

The issue surrounding genetically modified food can be traced to the end of the First World War after the manufacture of nitrogen which led to the development of nitrogen based fertilisers. As a result the face of farming went on a radical change in the twentieth century. This kind of technology was welcomed as it was seen to have promised high yields, increased food production, cheaper foods and greater availability. This could also be counter to what

Thomas Malthus believed and advocated that within a short space of time resources will be finished.

The genetically modified food seemed to offer relief as people were starving so it becomes an answer to save the dying population. However no time was given to study the effects of these genetically modified foods on human beings. Thus it became a pill too bitter to be swallowed as the green revolution in the 1990s turned to gene revolution. This led to power to own and control the species on earth.

There is danger at the end of the day if such a thought is not looked at as people will end up claiming to be creators and will therefore equate themselves to God. Genetically modified foods have a potential risk to health and is slowly wiping out society out of the face of planet earth.

These kinds of foods have crept into the shelves of our supermarkets without being labelled and there is no traceability since they are not labelled. Those who will be affected by allergies reaction can find the

cause to be outside genetically modified foods as they cannot be traced because they are not labelled. Studying such issues revolving around genetically modified foods is not relevant to society today as they see it as a waste of time and resources. Society is not concerned because they see the food in the supermarket shelves and they are content little do they know that these kinds of foods is slowly killing them and exposing them to health diseases which will not be cured and eventually human kind will be wiped out of planet earth.

Now let us look and focus deeper and take a look in detail the core and the periphery and the member countries.

The Core:

Consists of Europe (excluding Russia, Ukraine and Belarus), the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Israel. Within this region is where most of the positive characteristics of globalisation typically occur: transnational links, modern development that is higher wages, access to healthcare, adequate food, water, shelter, scientific innovation and increasing economic prosperity. These countries also tend to be highly industrialised and have a rapidly growing service (tertiary) sector. The top 20 countries ranked by the UN Human Development Index are all in the core.

The opportunities created by these advantages perpetuate a world driven by individuals in the core. People in positions of power and influence around the world are often brought up or educated in the core, (nearly 90% of world 'leaders' have a degree from Western Universities.)

The Periphery:

Consists of the countries in the rest of the world: Africa, South America, Asia (excluding Japan and South Korea) and Russia. They are generally characterised by extreme poverty and a low standard of living. Health care is non-existent in many places, there is less access to potable water than in the industrialised core and poor infrastructure engenders slum conditions. Population is skyrocketing in the periphery because of a number of contributing factors including a limited ability to move and the use of children as means to support a family among others. Over one billion people live in slum conditions and the majority of population growth around the world is occurring in the periphery. They have little infrastructure and feature rampant crime, massive unemployment and a huge informal sector.

Capitalist countries have exploited the periphery through colonialism and imperialism in the past few centuries and the effects are still felt to the

present day thus Radical Transformation should be taken seriously and implemented without fail to balance the imbalances of the past. Raw materials are extracted from the periphery through slave labour sold to the core where they would be consumed or manufactured and then sold back to the periphery at higher cost.

Dependency Theory

Dependency can be defined as an explanation of the economic development of a state in terms of the external influences- political, economic and cultural on national development policies. (Osvaldo Sunkel 1969). Dependency is an historical condition which shapes a certain structure of the world economy such that it favours some countries to the detriment of others and limits the development possibilities of the subordinate economics.... a situation in which the economy of a certain group of countries is conditioned by the development and expansion of another economy to which their own is subjected. (Theotonio Dos Santos 1971)

It was developed in the late 1950s under the guidance of the Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America, Raul Prebisch. Prebisch and his colleagues were troubled by the fact that economic growth in the advanced industrialised countries did not necessarily lead to

growth in the poorer countries. Their studies suggested that economic activity in the richer countries often led to serious economic problems in the poor countries. Prebisch's initial explanation for the phenomenon was very straightforward: poor countries exported primary commodities to the rich countries who then manufactured products of those commodities and sold them back to the poorer countries.

Advocates of The Dependency Theory assert that the damage done by centuries of exploitation have left these countries so far behind that it is impossible for them to compete in the global market. English and the Romance languages remain the state languages for many non-European countries long after their foreign colonists have packed up and gone home. This is what the former president of South Africa Nelson R Mandela meant when he said: 'Talk to a man in a language that he understands that goes to his head, talk to a man in his language that goes to his heart',

what the quotation meant and emphasised was the importance of knowing your roots and the effect it does as it goes straight to the heart, the centre and foundation of love and society.

Chapter 7

Unsung African heroes

Are we too African or too black?

A created society does not believe so! Thus is has been left with no choice but echo its anger in the following lines of the poem hoping one day you will be challenged to find solutions to the questions asked.

Are we too African to see that we are being used
Are we too Black to realise that we are abused
Are we too African to see that we are wiped out
Are we too Black to see that HIV/AIDS is man made
Are we too African to see that we are made to kill
Are we to Black to fail to value life?

Are we too African to see that we are virgins
Are we too Black to see that our virginity is stripped
Are we too African to see that we are suffocated
Are we too Black to see that terms are detected to us
Are we too African to be this blind
Are we too Black to be blinkered

Are we too African to herd to a bleak future
Are we too Black to have our destiny determined by our colonial masters
Are we too African to be so loving and caring

Are we too Black to have our dreams shattered, hearts broken to a thousand pieces
Are we too African to be told that Jesus is another colour
Are we too Black to be denied heaven
Are we too African to have our traditional doctors
Are they too Black to be called witch doctors

For long we have been denied our existence
For long we have been programmed to kill
For long we have been stripped of our resources and virginity
For long we have been tossed around

Are we too African to realise that we have our home grown solutions to our challenges
Are we too Black to see that we are loving and caring
Are we too African to be seen as animals
Are we too Black to see that we deserve better
I can go on and on
Are we too African to live our own lives
Are we too Black to be denied a voice

Let it be a wakeup call
We are Africans because we are beings
We are this colour because we are full of life
Let live the African dream
We are not too African nor too Black
To see that we are abused and abuse one another

I may be African or this colour but that does not mean am too African to be ignorant

Rather am innocent and wise
Am African and can see the cunning and manipulative beings
Am African and I won’t let them get away with murder
Long live the African dream

Conclusion:

'Where there is a wheel there is a way'. There is light at the end of the tunnel. After the pressure, the pain, the ups and downs there is restoration and joy. We are all destined to victory and all this can be possible if we join hands and walk together. We should love one another, be a shoulder to lean on during good and bad times. We should stand united firm and keep relations intact. We should be joined by cords that cannot be broken that will bind us together forever.

Do not celebrate a person's failure rather raise the fallen and lend a helping hand and celebrate our victories together. Let's be united and shame the devil stand and walk together to freedom and emancipation. Victory is certain together we can make it to the finishing line. Let's race together never leave a fellow behind or down this is a race for everyone and won by everyone so is the price for everyone. This is for us by us not an individual game or fight. Let's synergise unite our forces and bring our desires and efforts to

fruition. Victory is certain and is for every one young and old and it cuts across race, gender and boundaries!

Change is certain, it may take years, decades, centuries or millenniums but it does take place just like death. We cannot escape or hide from it. Radical Transformation is emancipation and sustainable development for society. It is an act that has identified loopholes; it has discovered tilted scales and the negatives it has caused to development and livelihoods. With such a system at play, a system that suffocates, isolates, strips hope and identify and restricts the freedom of people it cannot be ignored but addressed immediately. Thus Radical Transformation should embrace and be championed by every individual for the good of the country and its citizens. Be a part of it!